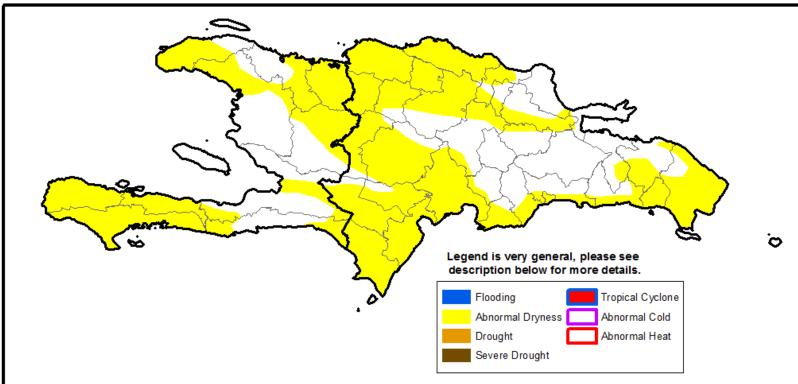


Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook June 25 – July 01, 2015

- A week of beneficial rains for some will likely be followed by a return to widespread dry conditions



Many interior portions of Hispaniola observed substantial rainfall during the past 7 days. Areas on the Tiburon Peninsula of Haiti and along the entire northern coast of Hispaniola remained excluded from substantial rains. TRMM estimated precipitation indicated a strip of greater than 100mm stretching across central portions of the island, with Centre Province of Haiti receiving the greatest amounts. Percent of normal rainfall remains very low for many areas due to the extremely sporadic nature of rains. Areas including the Tiburon Peninsula, and the Pedernales, Berahona, and La Altagracia Provinces of the Dominican Republic observe less than 25 percent of their normal rainfall since the beginning of the season. With a continued lack of consistent seasonable rainfall for many places, especially along the coasts, the coverage of poor vegetative conditions continues to slowly expand in area. However, some central and northern portions of the Dominican Republic and Haiti now indicate improvements in the NDVI index. Convergence of evidence from several sources including, WRSI, and Crop Soil Water Index indicates confidence that ground conditions are becoming increasingly poor. Over the next 7-day period, the GFS model indicates scattered areas of locally moderate to heavy rainfall across the island. The general pattern is for rainfall magnitudes to remain below normal on average in the absence of any substantial dynamical forcing for precipitation.